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Reg. No. 42,194**REPLY**

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This response is filed in response to the Office Action of December 16, 2002, in connection with the above-captioned application. Please reconsider the above-captioned application based upon the following information:

REMARKS**I. Introduction**

Claims 10 to 22 are pending in the present application. In view of the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that claims 10 to 22 are allowable, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

As an initial matter, Applicant notes that the Office Action Summary items 4 and 6 contain errors in stating that claims 11 to 22 are pending. Claims **10** to 22 are pending in the present application.

II. Rejection of Claims 10 to 15 and 19 to 22 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 10 to 15 and 19 to 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over German Patent Application No. 196 45 769.6 ("the '769.6 application") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,144,667 ("Pogue, Jr. et al."). Applicant respectfully submits that the combination of the '769.6 application and Pogue, Jr. et al. does not render obvious claims 10 to 15 and 19 to 22 for the following reasons.